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Judge Weeks in Washington.

V. B. Weeks Esq., who recently paid a visit to the "city of magnificent distances," was interviewed on his return home by a FREE TRADER emissary, who succeeded in obtaining the following:

"The most that could interest the readers of the FREE TRADER about what I saw and heard while East, occurred during my three days' visit in Washington. So let the interview be limited to that which I heard and saw while in that city. When I went to Washington I determined to divide my time about equally between places of public interest and public men. I carried out that determination, and I believe no one could visit Washington with no better acquaintance than I had and see and hear any more of public concern than I did in the same length of time. I saw nearly all the public grounds and public buildings, including the Capitol and Washington's monument. I saw all the finest streets and avenues where the best and richest reside, and had many of the residences of our public men pointed out to me, including Blaine's, Sherman's, Leiter's, &c. It is these residence streets and avenues that make Washington the most beautiful city in the country if not in the world.

"I saw all the great department buildings, inside and out, but don't pretend that I saw more than a small portion of the inside of any of them except the Capitol and executive mansion, which I pretty thoroughly explored. I went into the White House conservatory and heard the concert of the marine band on the rear lawn Saturday p. m. The finest public building is the new State, War and Navy building combined (nearly completed); the most beautiful sight is the agricultural gardens and green house; the grandest, the monument; the most curious and wonderful, the specimens in the patent office.

"I also visited Georgetown, Alexandria, Arlington and the national cemetery there. As I have a little more admiration—akin to reverence—for Washington than for any other public character that ever lived, I may be excused if I give a little more in detail an account of my visit to Alexandria and my attendance at Christ church where the Father of his Country once worshipped. It is about six or seven miles from Washington, as I am told, and down the Potomac on the opposite side. I started about ten o'clock Sunday morning on an old ferry boat and arrived there just in time for church. I experienced a feeling of exhilaration not unmixed with awe as I first stepped on the old sacred soil and approached the quaint old church where Washington prayed. I was so impressed with the surroundings that I paid but little attention to the service or the sermon, although, I assure you, I felt a prime necessity for a sincere recitation of my prayers in the ancient and cherished church. The building is of brick with pulpits in front and choir in the rear. It never has been changed, I am told, since Washington's time. In front is the old cemetery, with quaint old stones and inscriptions, broken and decaying and placed there a hundred and fifty years ago. It recalled the words of Byron, in that grandest of all his poems, 'The Siege of Corinth':

There is a temple in ruin stands
Fashioned by long forgotten hands;
Two or three columns and many a stone,
Marble and granite with grass o'ergrown!
Out upon Time! It will leave no more
Of the things to come than the things before!
Out upon Time! Who forever will leave
But enough of the past for the future to grieve.
O'er that which hath been, and o'er that
which must be;

What we have seen our sons must see;
Remnants of things that have passed away,
Fragments of stone reared by creatures of clay!
I was greatly interested and regretted that I could not have visited Mount Vernon too. "On the other topic,—allow me to say, by way of preface, that I was highly gratified and elated to visit Washington for the first time in my life, and, perhaps, for the only time under a Democratic administration. For over twenty years I have anxiously labored for the success of the party and principles that have now assumed or are fast assuming control of our national government. And at no time during that period could a Democrat like myself have visited the Capitol with the same exultation and pride as since the advent of Cleveland's administration. I was born and raised in a Northern state and under abolition and republican influences. From honest and patriotic motives

I afterwards espoused the principles of the great democratic party, and since that time my associates and myself have been regarded by the governing power under the teachings of the Blaines, the Shermans, and the Logans as the allies of the traitors of the South, and unworthy to take any part either in high or low degree in the public councils or public service. Completely ostracized, they have not even accredited us with decent motives. Let us not make the great mistake of thus treating the great masses of the republican party, who are doubtless as patriotically inclined as ourselves. I am told there is a different atmosphere in Washington now (and I could feel it) and the voice of slander and vituperation among the thousands of republican office holders yet retained and likely to be under this administration is hushed. A democrat is taken by the hand, welcomed, and his advice heeded. It is a passport to favor, not reproach to now be a democrat. Agreeing with Cleveland's administration, so far as developed, in every respect except one (the silver question), is it any wonder that I took a just pride in making this visit, taking him by the hand and wishing him the most abundant success in this great enterprise of reform and good government. It is a patriotic pride. I was also kindly welcomed and treated with great courtesy and consideration by Cleveland's new appointees to whom I had letters of introduction. I interviewed Daniel LaMont, Private Secretary; Stevenson, Asst. Postmaster General; Sparks, Commissioner of Land Office; Oberly, of the Indian school; Day, second auditor; Eden, M. C., and others. I could not have received more attention had I worn a crown. But I suppose you want a more detailed account of my interview with the president. It was a little after ten o'clock Monday morning that I called at the White House and found waiting in the ante-room a miscellaneous collection of well dressed ladies and gentlemen, together with a number of plain business men, public officials and a few cranks. A very polite messenger took my card and address to the president. I did not wait very long before I was called with two other gentlemen by the messenger and conducted to the library or reception room, a long spacious room furnished with easy chairs and sofas. There was perhaps a dozen waiting an interview ahead of me, mostly seated. I took a seat and waited my turn. The president stood toward one end of the room, partly at the side and partly in front of a table or secretary. The conversation was carried on in too low a tone for me to hear distinctly what he said to the others from my position. But I could gather enough to learn that most of the interviewers were either soliciting for an office or on some public business connected with the government. Each interview took from two to ten minutes. The president did but little talking himself. The others did the talking principally. He listened. Yet I could see that he was an easy conversationalist, and could assent or dissent with positive decision. When my turn came I frankly told him that I was soliciting no office for myself or my friends. He seemed agreeably surprised. The conversation will not bear repeating. There was no formality or stiffness about it. The remarks were the common place expressions of men of the world in making acquaintance. He inquired of me of public men in Buffalo and Western New York, who are mutual acquaintances. Of course it was a kind of vain conceit in me to tell him that we were admitted to the bar about the same time by the same supreme court judges in the city of Buffalo. He gave me as long or longer an audience than any who preceded me. Of course I felt gratified and flattered. I am no man worshiper but I must say I found the president a plain, agreeable gentleman in appearance. The next interviewer was the famous crank, John Pope Hodnot, lately of Chicago, now of Washington. He had a great book with the Constitution of the United States and wanted the civil service law declared unconstitutional by the president. The president made short work of him.

"I heard considerable of criticism of the president in the East among democrats because he was so slow in making removals and appointing democrats to office. But in that regard I fully agree with him. I know that the president is a determined and earnest advocate of civil service reform about

which I shall have more to say in the future. "I am greatly more interested in the policy and legislation of the government than in the offices. When the democratic party can fully control the policy and legislation of the country they will make reforms that will favorably effect every man, woman and child in the country, while only about two in a thousand can hold office. The mania for office getting has been improperly stimulated in the American people by the late republican government. We want good government first, and public office should be of secondary importance.

"In conclusion I wish to express my obligations to James H. Eckles for letters of introduction to public men in Washington, and to James A. Long, an Ottawa boy now in the War department, for entertainment and much information concerning places of public interest."

From Mendota.

Mrs. Walter Packard, of Kansas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Edwards, in this city.

Mrs. A. M. Pence died last Sunday after a protracted illness. Her funeral occurred Tuesday at her late residence, northeast of Mendota. Mrs. Pence was one of the pioneer milliners of this city, having established herself here some thirty years ago.

One of the events of the week, in a matrimonial way, was the marriage of Mary Ida Horst, daughter of Geo. Horst, and C. J. Treman, the popular clerk in P. H. Cooper's clothing establishment, on Wednesday evening, at the family residence. The happy couple took the midnight train for St. Louis, where they will pass the honeymoon.

Miss Jennie Cook, daughter of Dr. E. P. Cook, was married September 23, at her home in this city, to Dr. A. Okey, a practicing physician located in the southern part of the state, and formerly of Arlington. The happy couple started immediately for their new home.

Miss Pauline McNett is studying art in Chicago.

Ed. Higgins is now solid in his business matters. Marks, his father-in-law, started Ed. in business in May, but this month he bulldozed Ed. into signing a bill of sale of the store. Ed. got into a fix in consequence, and Marks made about \$400; but C. M. Higgins came to the front and bought out the contents of the store and Ed. has bobbed up serenely from below and is smiling and happy. He is a good business man, genial and pleasant, and it is the wish of every one he may prosper.

There is nothing very mysterious about a bustle, but they are quite a curiosity of times. Passing an evening not long since with a number of ladies, "bustles" were the chief subject of conversation. Now, there never has been invented a bustle that fully met its requirements—most of them are faulty in the extreme. Squash down become deformed and push to one side, and the ingenuity of women has been brought out to remedy these defects in the construction of a first-class bustle—one that will keep in place at all times and under all circumstances. Perhaps it is asking too much of the concern, but that is what the feminine heart longs for. "A first-rate good bustle," said a blonde, "is made by cutting a flour sack into strips and plaiting it on to a straight piece of the sack. They get limp though in a short time. There is a bustle manufactured of gum cloth. They are made the right shape and then blown full of wind; but if they get punctured with a pin, of which they are in great danger, they go off with a fizz-z-z and suddenly collapse." "My cousin," chimed in another, "made a bustle of an old Gainsborough hat. She cut off half of the rim and stuffed the crown, the half rim exactly fitting her form, and it looked well on the outside." "Well, I like curled hair," said another, "such as there are in furniture stores." "Louisiana!" "Oh, yes; that is it, and stuff it into a sack made of calico or anything." "How do you like coiled wire bustles?" said another. "Oh, they act something like an electro-magnetic machine," said a scientific lady. "If a gentleman puts his arm around you he gets charged at once, and the result is stunning. The electric current is very likely to travel up your spinal column, thence to the lips, and there is a spontaneous desire to kiss one another that can't be controlled." "An old calico apron will do," said a timid girl who blushed all over at the idea of being kissed under such circumstances. "Straw bustles are good," added an interested party; "but they are not good either. There are forty-eleven different kinds in the stores but all poor. If the men wore bustles they would bustle around and invent something that would fill the bill." "There is something funny about bustles, any way," said the blonde. "We don't put them away as carefully as we do our kids, laces, ribbons and Langtry's, but we (all of us) sling them anywhere when we prepare to retire. I never saw one yet tenderly cared for, but we won't go without one, great or small." "That's so," said the scientific lady, "and they are so suggestive of the wearer. Look at the band! How it steals the form—with

what grace the bustle bends; and the fragrance it breathes out, like the heroine in 'All Hallowe'en'." "Paper bustles are the best. Made of the Mendota papers they won't rattle and give it away, and as they don't improve the head they can be utilized to add to the human form divine.

Robert Horst, Bert Treman, Mrs. Treman and Miss Emma Reese, all of Aurora, were in attendance at the Horst-Treman wedding Wednesday evening.

Ed. F. Reed has been appointed postmaster at La Moille.

Miss Olie Lee and S. Ed. Smith will be married next week. The cards are out.

The ladies want to beware of a woman teaching a new style of stamping; it is a fraud.

Billy Nolan will locate at Homer in about a week and sell tough steak to the classic Homerites.

Stuart's Dramatic Company, who were to have appeared here soon, have asked the manager of the opera house to cancel their engagement. Perhaps Stuart thinks we have had enough of one horse shows, but Casper Fischer said the Mendota Turnverein wrote to Stuart requesting him to come—let's see to it.

Geo. Fritz was presented by his wife with a handsome boy on Tuesday last; the only child.

Emmer Raley, of Ottawa, and Charles Scholfield, of this city, will start a carriage trimming and upholstery establishment on Washington street. The firm is Scholfield & Raley.

Oliver Giberson, formerly of Ottawa, has located in this city.

The Two John's Comedy Company—John W. Ransome, Across the Atlantic, Harry Clifford's Mystic Ferns and Will C. Smith's Bell Ringers are all booked for the opera house in October.

Gas was struck big on Jerry Coonen's farm one mile east of Mendota.

Mr. S. Higgins (no relation to Ed.) and Miss Rena Swisher were married last week.

Grand opening of roller academy for the fall season on Oct. 15, 16 and 17. Marshall Zuck will be present. Rose Bun.

Vicinity Items.

The road from Belvidere to Spring Valley has been all graded, and the track laid beyond Homer. Trains are expected to be running inside of a month.

Charles Barnhard, who was indicted for the burning of the steamer Joe Fleming at DePue last spring, was tried at Princeton last week and acquitted, no particle of evidence being adduced against him.

J. H. Shay, recently a Streator minister, has formed a partnership with Judges Burns and Ong of Lacon. The new law firm will have its headquarters at Streator and Lacon. Burns, Ong & Shay is the firm's name.

Among the convicts discharged from the Joliet penitentiary Saturday is "Rev." Samuel McGhee, who was sent up from Lee county in 1877, for 14 years, for the murder of his good wife. He has learned the harness maker's trade since his confinement in the prison. At the time of Mrs. McGhee's death they had two children, son and daughter; the son has since died and the daughter has married and was a mother at the age of fourteen.

A LaSalle principal, who recently chased one of his pupils into his father's yard and kicked the little fellow, was set upon by the irate parent and pummeled in royal style. The father of the child was arrested and fined \$5. The next day the principal of the school met the father and offered to pay the fine. He was told that the fine was \$10, which he paid, and the father had the satisfaction of making \$5 out of the transaction.

Hib Corwin, of Peru, has this to say of the female ball tossers, who played at his city last Sunday: "The pitcher was barely able to throw the ball to the home plate, and every effort she made brought howls of approbation and amusement from the large and intelligent audience. A grounder bounded up and took the catcher on the nose. She burst into a regular female boohoo, and had to be coddled for half an hour before she could resume her position. The fact is—viewed as a base ball exhibition, the thing was a flat failure—from other points of view, the visit of the 'Amazonians' to Peru might be considered an immense success. An immense crowd was present, comprising prominent citizens of LaSalle, Ottawa, Mendota, Tonica, Greenville, Lonest, Hennepin, Henry, Utica and other places, and every individual good humoredly acknowledged himself 'sold.' The gate receipts were about \$300."

Those who believe that nature will work off a cough or cold should understand that this is done at the expense of the constitution. Each time this weakens the system, and we all know that the termination of this dangerous practice is a consumptive's grave. Don't take the chances, when a fifty cent bottle of Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure will safely and promptly cure any recent cough, cold, or throat or lung trouble. Buy the dollar bottle, of E. Y. Griggs, for chronic cases or family use.

On Sunday night about 9 o'clock the fire department was called out to the residence of Jas. Lansing, on the west side. The fire originated by the bursting of a lamp in a chicken brooder. A barn, shed and chicken house were consumed. Loss about \$150.

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